

FSA At Work Across Nevada - Fiscal Year 2003

The Nevada Farm Service Agency delivered more than \$23.6 million in payments and assistance to Nevada farmers and ranchers during Fiscal Year 2003. While these payments may have been made to specific producers, economists at USDA estimate that each dollar turns over seven times in the rural community. Program payments reflect changes made with the introduction of the 2002 Farm Bill.

Price Support: \$3.01 million

Nevada producers received \$3,011,219 in support during FY 2003. These programs help improve and promote the economic stability of agricultural communities and ensure equitable delivery of program benefits and services.

\$609,517 - Direct And Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) -The 2002 Farm Bill replaced production flexibility contract (PFC) payments with direct payments, and added new counter-cyclical payments for the 2002-2007 crops. Both payments are based on historical acreage bases and payment yields and not on current production.

\$1,914,054 - Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) - This program financially compensates dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level. The program is authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill and has no set funding level.

\$148,194 - Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs) were made to producers who agreed to forgo the loan in return for a payment on the eligible commodity. LDP provisions allow compensation when market prices are

low as long as the producer maintains beneficial interest in the commodity.

\$4,320 - Commodity Loans were made available to eligible producers who use stored crops as collateral. The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) makes loans for eligible commodities: corn, wheat, honey, grain sorghum, barley, oats, soybeans, minor oilseeds, rice, peanuts, and cotton. Loans are issued as "non-recourse" or "recourse" depending on the quality and/or moisture content of the commodity.

\$335,134 - The Lamb Meat Assistance Program (LMAAP) assisted farmers and ranchers who suffered financial losses due to a depressed market. This was the last year of this four-year program.

Disaster Assistance: \$11.69 million

Nevada producers received \$11,692,610 in disaster assistance programs during FY 2003. From drought to flood, freeze to tornadoes, natural disasters can severely hurt even the best run agricultural operation.

\$3,278,873 - Crop Disaster Assistance helped compensate producers who suffered crop losses due to adverse weather and other natural disasters in FY 2001 and FY 2002. This program continues into January 2004 but this dollar amount reflects those payments made during Fiscal Year 2003.

\$1,876,930 - Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) provided a measure of protection against losses caused by natural disaster for producers of crops for which crop insurance is not available.

\$5,836,406 - Livestock Compensation Program provides direct payments per head to producers who suffered livestock losses as a result of severe drought conditions. Eligible livestock under LCP provisions are beef, dairy cattle, sheep, goats as well as buffalo and beefalo.

\$700,401 - Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) provides emergency funding for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters, and for emergency water conservation measures during periods of severe drought.

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Conservation: \$1.28 million

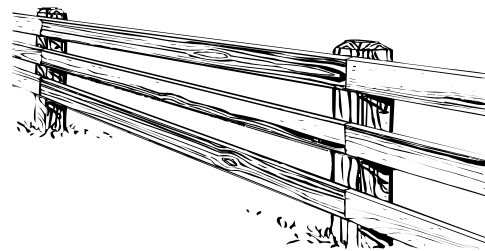
FSA invested \$1,285,282 in Nevada's conservation programs. Our conservation partnerships include:

\$1,123,335 - Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary, locally-led conservation program that provides technical, financial and educational assistance to farmers and ranchers. EQIP encourages environmental enhancement on private lands through 5 to 10 year contracts or conservation plans.

\$2,626 Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is a voluntary conservation program providing financial incentives to farmers and ranchers who convert highly erodible cropland or environmentally sensitive acreage to long-term vegetative cover.

\$39,853 - Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) is a voluntary program that offers land-owners incentives to enhance wetlands in exchange for retiring marginal agricultural land.

\$119,468 - Other conservation program payments



Farm Loans: \$7.6 million

FSA made \$7,662,000 direct and guaranteed farm operating loans, farm ownership loans and emergency loans to Nevada's eligible producers who operate family-size farms and ranches, and who were temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit.

\$7,662,000 - Farm Operating & Ownership Loans. FSA Nevada processed 56 loans to producers under the Direct and Guaranteed Loan Programs. These loans help Nevada producers continue their farming operations. An additional four emergency loans were made to assist producers who have been affected by a natural disaster.

\$2,793,000 - Special Qualified Loans. Of the 56 loans made in the state, Nevada FSA lent \$1,847,000 to 17 qualified beginning farmers. In addition, FSA lent \$946,000 to nine qualified producers under the Socially Disadvantaged Persons Loan Program.

Payments By County* \$15,916,456

ALPINE	\$ 33,291
CARSON	\$ 43,625
CHURCHILL	\$ 2,451,872
CLARK	\$ 140,090
DOUGLAS	\$ 389,636
ELKO	\$ 3,668,401
ESMERALDA	\$ 49,243
EUREKA	\$ 621,490
HUMBOLDT	\$ 2,662,545

INYO	\$ 211,069
LANDER	\$ 1,053,357
LINCOLN	\$ 324,216
LYON	\$ 1,107,593
MINERAL	\$ 426,408
MONO	\$ 64,468
NYE	\$ 88,293
PERSHING	\$ 779,203
WASHOE	\$ 539,641
WHITE PINE	\$ 1,262,014

*** Does not include commodity loans or farm loans.**

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